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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
28 FEBRUARY 2010



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00am: Low Mass w/organ  
 For a Special Intention  
 10:00am: High Mass  
 For Adele & Loretta Deken  
 5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction\*

### MONDAY MARCH 1

#### FERIAL MASS: MONDAY IN THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT

8:00am: Low Mass  
 For Brian Wissman  
 5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction\*

### TUESDAY MARCH 2

#### FERIAL MASS: TUESDAY IN THE 2ND WEEK IN LENT

8:00am: Low Mass  
 For Cpl. Jake Miklovic  
 6:30pm: Low Mass  
 For the Restoration & Benefactors of the Oratory

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 3

#### FERIAL MASS: WEDNESDAY IN THE 2ND WEEK IN LENT

8:00am: Low Mass  
 For Cecelia Burns  
 12:15pm: Low Mass  
 In Honor of the Sorrowful Mother  
 5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction\*

### THURSDAY MARCH 4

#### VOTIVE MASS OF JESUS CHRIST SOVEREIGN PRIEST

8:00am: Low Mass  
 For George Maty  
 6:30pm: Adoration and Benediction

### FRIDAY MARCH 5

#### FIRST FRIDAY: VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART

8:00am: Low Mass  
 For a Special Intention  
 6:30pm: High Mass (followed by Stations of the Cross)  
 For Priests

### SATURDAY MARCH 6

#### FIRST SATURDAY: VOTIVE MASS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

8:00am Low Mass  
 For Mary Kate Ill  
 5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction\*

### SUNDAY MARCH 7

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00am: Low Mass w/organ  
 For Greg Avellone  
 10:00am: High Mass  
 For John Fiamengo, R.I.P.  
 5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction

\*Use North Door only.

## SERVER SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00am: Low Mass  
 Acolytes: Dominic Buckley, Joseph Buckley  
 10:00am: High Mass  
 MC: Abbé Alex Barga  
 Thurifer: Michael McCann  
 Acolytes: Michael Stamos & Scott McCann  
 Crucifer: Matthew Serafino  
 Choir MC: Daniel Simmons  
 Torchbearers: Evan Underwood, Cole Underwood, Christopher Hall, Stephen Kenney, Sam Kenney, Isaiah Kenney

### MONDAY, MARCH 1

8:00am: Low Mass  
 Acolytes: Candidate, Curt Wichmer

### TUESDAY, MARCH 2

8:00am: Low Mass  
 Acolytes: Joseph Reidy, Abbé Alex Barga  
 6:30pm: Low Mass  
 Acolytes: Vinnie Scanga, Matthew Serafino

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

8:00am: Low Mass  
 Acolytes: Stephen Kukielski, Philip Kukielski  
 12:15pm: Low Mass  
 Acolytes: Sean Kenney, Scott McCann

### THURSDAY, MARCH 4

8:00am: Low Mass  
 Acolytes: Joseph Grahek, Candidate  
 6:30pm: Adoration & Benediction  
 MC: Matthew Serafino  
 Thurifer: Cole Underwood  
 Acolytes: Stephen Gilroy, Evan Underwood  
 Torchbearers: Thomas Serafino, Daniel Kotsko

### FRIDAY, MARCH 5

8:00am: Low Mass  
 Acolytes: Candidates  
 6:30pm Solemn High Mass  
 MC: Abbé Alex Barga  
 Thurifer: Abram Brandwein  
 Acolytes: Michael Stamos, Christopher Stamos  
 Crucifer: James Schmidt  
 Choir MC: Daniel Simmons  
 Torchbearers: Ben Norman, Daniel Kotsko, Curt Wichmer, Patrick Stamos

### SATURDAY, MARCH 6

8:00am: Low Mass  
 Acolytes: Candidates

### SUNDAY, MARCH 7

8:00am: Low Mass  
 Acolytes: Joseph Buckley, Dominic Buckley  
 10:00am: High Mass  
 MC: Abram Brandwein  
 Thurifer: Stephen Kukeilski  
 Acolytes: Curt Wichmer, Thomas Serafino  
 Crucifer: Evan Underwood  
 Choir MC: Daniel Obermeier  
 Torchbearers: Joseph Grahek, Kellen Kenney, Seth McDonald, Dominic McDonald, Jimmy Dmitry, Justin Dmitry



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, February 28,** After 8:00am and 10:00am Masses, Coffee Hour in the Church Hall

**Thursday, March 4,** General Meeting of the Knights of Columbus #14067, immediately following Adoration and Benediction, in the Church Hall.

**Friday, March 5, First Friday.** Stations of the Cross after 6:30pm Mass.

**Friday, March 12, 6:30pm.** Stations of the Cross.

**Saturday, March 13, St. Francis de Sales-Credo Day of Recollection:**

- 9:00 Stations of the Cross—Confessions
- 10:00 First Conference: Rev. Eric J. Kunz (Church Hall)
- 11:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Silent Adoration—Confessions
- 11:30 Solemn Benediction
- 12:00 Lunch (Church Hall)
- 1:30 Second Conference—His Excellency The Most Rev. Bishop Robert J. Hermann (Church Hall)
- 2:30 Coffee Break
- 3:00 Third Conference—Rev. Brian Harrison, S.T.D. (Church Hall)
- 4:00 Closing Mass

**Sunday, March 14 (LAETARE SUNDAY), 10:00am—Solemn High Mass. The Most Rev. Archbishop Robert J. Carlson will assist at Mass and give the sermon.** *The Oratory Choir will sing the Missa Secunda of Hassler.* Second collection for the Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus at their Motherhouse in Gricigliano.

### ALMSGIVING AS A LENTEN SACRIFICE

Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. In the Lenten period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal: these are *prayer, fasting and almsgiving*. For this year's Lenten Message, I wish to spend some time reflecting on the practice of almsgiving, which represents a specific way to assist those in need and, at the same time, an exercise in self-denial to free us from attachment to worldly goods. The force of attraction to material riches and just how categorical our decision must be not to make of them an idol, Jesus confirms in a resolute way: "You cannot serve God and mammon" (*Lk* 16,13). Almsgiving helps us to overcome this constant temptation, teaching us to respond to our neighbor's needs and to share with others whatever we possess through divine goodness. This is the aim of the special collections in favor of the poor, which are promoted during Lent in many parts of the world. In this way, inward cleansing is accompanied by a gesture of ecclesial communion, mirroring what already took place in the early Church. In his Letters, Saint Paul speaks of this in regard to the collection for the Jerusalem community (cf. *2 Cor* 8-9; *Rm* 15, 25-27).

—Pope Benedict XVI, Message for Lent, 2009.



## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

### MY DEAR FRIENDS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY,

On Sunday, March 14th, we will receive the visit of the Archbishop of St. Louis, Robert Carlson, who comes to us to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the return of the Traditional Latin Mass, now the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, to St. Louis. Msgr. Schmitz will be the celebrant of the Solemn High Mass of that Sunday, Laetare Sunday, especially appropriate for us to express our thanksgiving on this anniversary.

With his visit, Archbishop Carlson continues the generous Episcopal support of the Oratory of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, which was begun by his predecessor, Archbishop Burke: namely, the establishment of the Oratory as the central place for the celebrations of the Roman liturgy in the Extraordinary Form.

Looking back 25 years, we are extremely grateful to Divine Providence for all the blessings the divine liturgy in its classical form has brought to an ever growing community of faithful. These increased blessings are evident since 1985, when low Masses were first offered at St. Agatha's Church.

These many blessings are now widely visible throughout the whole Church: After our Holy Father promulgated *Summorum Pontificum* the divine liturgy is celebrated in many places in its classical form and continues to cultivate our sense for the mysteries of the altar.

We prepare for the visit of the Archbishop in joy and profound gratefulness for the many signs of friendship he has shown to us. The St. Francis de Sales Oratory as the central and privileged place for the celebrations of the Extraordinary Form under the competent guidance of the Institute is committed to carry out its mission, here as elsewhere: to spread the reign of our Lord Jesus Christ in all spheres of human life, and to do so in complete fidelity to the doctrines of the Church and the Holy Father.

With my sincere best wishes for a blessed and fruitful season of Lent, I am yours faithfully in Christ the King,

*Canon Michael K. Wiener*

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST



*Just as Christ appeared to His apostles in His divine glory to strengthen them for the scandal of His forthcoming Passion, so the Church places the scene of the transfiguration before us today to remind us of Christ's divinity, which will be hidden during His Passion and Death.*

## MATCHING GRANT

### Deadline: Sunday, March 14

As we reported earlier, a generous member of our Oratory has pledged \$1,000 as a matching grant for the purpose of repairs and restoration of the first floor of the 1888 building to bring it up to code for a new tenant. We are still \$302 short. Please have all your contributions in by the Sunday after next, March 14, so we can notify the donor if the grant has been matched. Remember to write in the "Memo" line of the check, "Matching Grant."

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 21:	Loose	\$1,100.00
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$4,069.00</u>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,169.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity!



## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES-CREDO

### Day of Recollection

**Date:** Saturday, March 13  
**Time:** Immediately after the 8:00am Mass  
**Speakers:** Bishop Robert Herman  
 Fr. Brian Harrison  
 Fr. Eric Kunz

Flyers are available in the Church vestibule and at all entrances. Please mail your reservations in early so luncheon arrangements can be planned.



## FRIDAY LENTEN DEVOTIONS

**During Lent there will be a 6:30pm Mass each Friday evening, followed by the Stations of the Cross.**

The Stations of the Cross began as a devotion of pilgrims during the crusades (1095-1270), when they walked in the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary. After the Moslems recaptured the Holy Land pilgrimages were too dangerous, and the Stations of the Cross became a popular substitute pilgrimage throughout Europe. Each of the Stations represents a critical event from Scripture or tradition of Jesus' journey to Calvary. Originally done only outdoors, the Stations were allowed inside churches in the mid-18th century. The Stations were eventually fixed at fourteen, and soon became a familiar feature in all Catholic churches. The devotion may be conducted personally by the faithful, making their way from one station to another and saying the prayers, or by having an officiating celebrant move from cross to cross while the faithful make the responses.

## PRESENTATION OF PONTIFICAL YEARBOOK 2010

Last week the Holy Father was presented with the 2010 edition of the "Anuario Pontificio" or pontifical yearbook. Here are some statistics contained in the yearbook.

The number of Catholics in the world increased from around 1,147 million in 2007 to 1,166 million in 2008, an increase of nineteen million faithful which corresponds to a growth of 1.7 percent.

In 2009, the Pope erected eight new episcopal sees and one territorial prelatore, and a total of 169 new bishops were appointed. As for priests, both regular and diocesan, their numbers have increased over the last nine years from 405,178 in 2000 to 409,166 in 2008, although their distribution differs considerably from continent to continent. While numbers of priestly vocations are growing in Africa, Asia and America, and remain stationary in Oceania, in Europe they have dropped from 51.5 percent to 47.1 percent of the total.

The number of candidates to the priesthood has also grown slightly, from 115,919 in 2007 to 117,024 in 2008. Here too the different continents show a different evolution: Africa, Asia and Oceania grew by, respectively, 3.6 percent, 4.4 percent and 6.5 percent. Europe registered a fall of some 4.3 percent, while the situation in America remained unchanged.

Among the pastoral workers who assist bishops and priests in their activities, female religious constitute by far the largest group. In the year 2000 they numbered 801,185, but this figure fell to 739,067 in 2008. They are most heavily represented in Europe and America (respectively, 40.9 percent and 27.5 percent of the total); however, the greatest losses were on those continents and in Oceania. In Africa and Asia their numbers grew by 21.2 percent and 16.4 percent respectively. Although this helps to counterbalance the abovementioned losses, it does not cancel them out.

## St. Louis Review Subscriptions

It's that time of year for subscribing to the *St. Louis Review*. You will find no envelope for this in your packet of Sunday envelopes; instead, if you wish to renew your subscription (or add one), please call or see Mr. Jon Roché in the Rectory office. All current subscriptions will soon expire if not renewed.

The price for a one-year subscription is \$23.00. Please make your checks out to St. Francis de Sales Oratory.



## ORATORY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

#### Today, February 28:

8:00 Seating: Stephen Chicosky

10:00 Seating: Eric Cartwright

#### Next Sunday, March 7:

8:00 Seating: Aaron Kukielski

10:00 Seating: Frank Aufmuth

#### Sunday, March 14:

8:00 Seating: Mike Kenney

10:00 Seating: William Haines, Sr.

In order to give more long-range visibility to this schedule, we are printing assignments two weeks in advance as well as the current Sunday. If you cannot meet your commitment call Tom Leith at 314-435-8494, or email him at [trleith@alum.wustl.edu](mailto:trleith@alum.wustl.edu).

Thank you, everyone, for your help!

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul—SFdS Conference

#### YEAR-END REPORT

During 2009 we served 1,118 persons with virtually all of the food deliveries occurring during in-home visits by volunteers. In addition to the \$9,895 in grocery vouchers that we distributed, we estimate that we supplied an additional \$16,265 in donated and purchased food items. Thus, we provided approximately \$26,000 of food-related assistance to area residents.

Our operational expenses, those that do not directly benefit our clients, were less than 4% of our total expenses. Conversely, 96% of our expenditures went directly for our clients' needs.

In addition to our food deliveries, we were able to provide Christmas gifts and holiday food baskets to 57 households. This was made possible by the "Giving Tree" programs at a number of sponsoring parishes.

None of this could have been accomplished without dedicated volunteers. We estimate that 1940 volunteer hours were expended by our own St. Vincent de Paul Conference in 2009.

### PRO-LIFE APOSTOLATE: 40 DAYS

On Ash Wednesday **40 Days for Life** began here again in St. Louis. Last fall St. Francis de Sales adopted a day and we will do it again this campaign. Our day will be March 19 from 7:00 a.m. until 7 P.m. We will stand in prayer outside Planned Parenthood at the corner of Forest Park and Boyle. You are asked to sign up for two hours beginning at 7:00 a.m. You can sign up after Masses in the church basement. Please see David or Patricia. For more information contact Mary at 314-346-9052.

### ORATORY CLEANING

The Oratory Cleaning Crews put the church in order after the final Mass each Sunday. New volunteers will be most welcome and can reach the coordinator, Mrs. Madeline Jordan, at 314-353-5233. Here are the next assignments:

**Today, February 28: St. Veronica**

**Next Sunday, March 7: St. Benedict**

### MOTHERS OF THE VISITATION

The Mothers of the Visitation is a group of women who help out mothers primarily post partum with meals. If you are registered at the Oratory and would like assistance with meals after your baby is born, or would like to assist the mothers in our endeavors by helping to prepare meals, please contact the following:

Mrs. Jenny Pekny 314-457-1993 ([jennypekny@charter.net](mailto:jennypekny@charter.net))

### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS # 14067

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